

EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

JAMES CONTANT, MARTIN-HAN TRAN, CARLOS GONZALEZ, UGNIUS MATKUS, JERRY JACOBSON, and PAUL VERMILLION, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC.; THE BANK OF TOKYO MITSUBISHI UFJ LTD.; BARCLAYS BANK PLC; BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.; BNP PARIBAS GROUP; BNP PARIBAS NORTH AMERICA, INC.; BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES CORP.; BNP PARIBAS PRIME BROKERAGE, INC.; CITIGROUP, INC.; CITIBANK, N.A.; CITICORP; CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.; CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG; CREDIT SUISSE AG; CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC; DEUTSCHE BANK AG; DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.; THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.; GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.; HSBC HOLDINGS PLC; HSBC BANK PLC; HSBC NORTH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.; HSBC BANK USA, N.A.; HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.; JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; MORGAN STANLEY; MORGAN STANLEY & CO., LLC; MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INTERNATIONAL PLC; RBC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC; ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC; RBS SECURITIES, INC.; SOCIETE GENERALE SA; STANDARD CHARTERED BANK; UBS AG; UBS GROUP AG; and UBS SECURITIES, LLC,

Defendants.

ECF CASE

No. 1:17-CV-03139

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF COOK)

J. MATTHEW GOODIN, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of LOCKE LORD LLP.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion for admission to practice pro hac vice in the above-captioned matter.
3. As shown in the Certificate of Good Standing annexed hereto, I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Illinois.
4. I have never been convicted of a felony.
5. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.
6. There are no disciplinary proceedings against me in any State or Federal court.

Wherefore your affiant respectfully submits that he be permitted to appear as counsel and advocate pro hac vice in this case for defendants HSBC Holdings plc, HSBC Bank plc, HSBC North America Holdings, Inc., HSBC Bank USA, N.A., and HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.


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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before
me this 19th day of May, 2017



Notary Public

